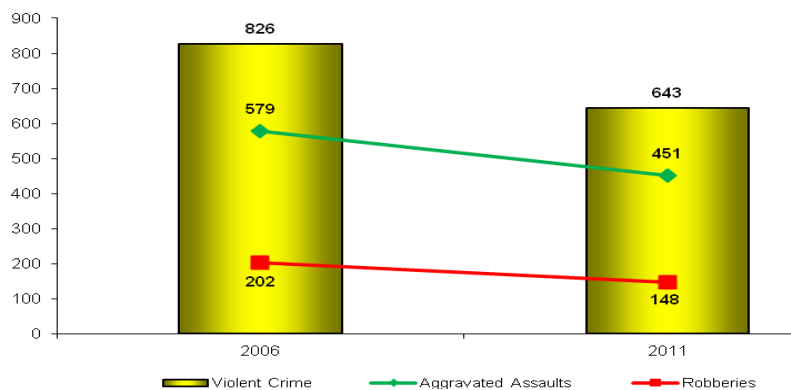


Harford County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done everyday. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Harford County has seen a significant 17.7% reduction in total crime, a 22.2% reduction in violent crime, and a 17.1% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-26.7%), aggravated assaults (-22.1%), breaking & entering (-21.3%), larceny/thefts (-11.0%), and motor vehicle thefts (-52.6%).

Harford County Violent Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



HARFORD COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Harford County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 18 grants in Harford County totaling \$1,166,765. As a result, Harford County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Safe Streets Initiative** – The Harford County Sheriff's Office received funding to establish its Safe Streets program in July 2012. This initiative is an offender-based model designed to dramatically reduce crime in a specific area by establishing close working partnerships across all levels of government. Working closely with GOCCP staff and operating as an integrated system, the Safe Streets Initiative focuses on violent crime and the core group of offenders who commit the majority of violent offense in their jurisdiction.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Safe Streets Initiative
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Child Advocacy Center
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Domestic Violence Initiative
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring

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- **Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services** - The Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center's (SARC) Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services program provides a 24 hour hotline, safe accommodations, therapeutic counseling, and county awareness activities for domestic violence victim. The program also provides abuser intervention programs for the offenders.

The SARC also has a Rape Crisis Intervention Services program which provides crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, safe housing, hospital accompaniment, and Helpline services to sexual assault victims in the county.

The Harford County Sheriff's Office provides a dedicated Deputy who serves protective orders, conducts domestic escorts, and lethality assessment, and seizes firearms of protective order violators.

- **Gun-Related Crime Reduction** - The Harford County Sheriff's Office supports a Deputy Sheriff who conducts proactive firearms investigations in collaboration with Community Supervision, the State's Attorney's Office, the Gang Suppression Unit, and the Community Action Response Team in order to reduce homicides, non-fatal shootings, and firearms related crime in the county.
- **Sex Offender Monitoring** - The Harford County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support/Training Program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. This program benefits the entire population Harford County, especially the local children.



"We are working hard every single day to ensure that all of our State agencies are supporting local police departments and communities throughout Maryland in their fight against violent crime."

Governor Martin
O'Malley

"While we are quite pleased with the Harford County crime data, we could not have achieved these results without our partners. This data demonstrates that when we work together, we can make a difference when fighting crime in our community."

Sheriff L. Jesse Bane